

Appendix D: Overview of Governmental Responsibility for Parks, Recreation, Public Works and Planning in Takoma Park

Takoma Park tax duplication calculations for the parks, recreation, public works and planning can be confusing due to the varying responsibilities, funding sources and agencies involved. The chart below distinguishes the responsibilities of the City of Takoma Park departments, Montgomery County departments, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, along with their funding sources.

Table 17. Overview of Governmental Responsibility for Parks, Recreation, Public Works and Planning in Takoma Park

	CITY OF TAKOMA PARK DEPTS OF PUBLIC WORKS (PW), HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) AND RECREATION	MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION	MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPTS. OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION (DPW&T), AND RECREATION; BOARD OF APPEALS
Maintenance of City parks	PW maintains parks; funded by City taxes (County tax rebate for parks)		
Maintenance of M-NCPPC parks		Maintains parks; funded by County Special Area Taxes	
City right-of-way maintenance and road improvements	PW maintains ROW; funded by City taxes (County tax rebate for roads)		
City transportation planning	City Engineer (PW) works with HCD planners; funded by City taxes		
City Planning/ Development review	City Engineer (PW) and Arborist (PW) work with planners (HCD), in coordination with County and M-NCPPC staff; funded by City taxes and fees for storm water review and tree and driveway permits	Responsible for Master Plan and major development review functions, in coordination with City staff; funded by County Special Area Taxes and application fees	DPW&T responsible for building permits, and parking waivers, variances handled by County Board of Appeals; funded by County taxes and application fees
City solid waste and recycling	PW collects solid waste and recycling; funded by City taxes		
City recreation programs	City Rec Dept. operates programs, including programs out of Rec Center on New Hampshire Ave paid for by County; funded by City taxes, program fees, and County contract		
County recreation programs			County Rec Dept. contracts with City to provide programs at NH Ave center; funded by County Rec Tax and program fees